

## Reducing Mosquitoes Around Homes



### First Defense - Eliminating Larvae

- Eliminate any standing water in rain gutters, buckets, plastic covers, toys or any other container where mosquitoes can breed.
- Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels and potted plant trays frequently to eliminate potential mosquito habitats or treat with safe biological products that eliminate larvae growth such as BTi.
- Avoid over-watering lawns and garden areas, standing water and over-saturated areas
- Drain or treat temporary pools of water or fill with dirt.

### Second Defense - Eliminating Adult Mosquitoes

- Consider using a perimeter or barrier spray such as Cutter (attaches to garden hose) that can eliminate mosquitos hiding in shrubs and bushes. Follow directions carefully.
- Mosquito traps or bug zappers can draw in and catch mosquitos.
- Air movement from fans will keep mosquitos away.
- Burning citronella candles is helpful in repelling mosquitoes.